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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

DECLARATION:

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe, the below named inventors are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention for MULTI-WAY LED-BASED SURFACE REFLECTANCE SENSOR AND SPECTROPHOTOMETER, the specification of which was filed on March 17, 2004 as U.S. Patent Application serial number 10/802,501. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

PRIOR UNITED STATES APPLICATIONS

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I hereby declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the

like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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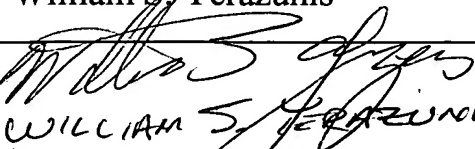
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